lier decisions of the Supreme Court. Request for stay of operation of the Order of the Calcutta High Court was also refused.

Certified copy of the Judgement has been received only recently and the same is being studied in detail for further necessary action.

Amendment of Labour Laws

832. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of labour laws are proposed to be amended by Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a comprehensive legislation on child labour is being introduced in Parliament soon; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The amendments are being processed in consultation with concerned Ministries.

करेंसी नोटों के मुद्रण में प्रयुक्त होने वाली स्याही का आयात

833. **श्री सूरज प्रसाद** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नासिक और देवास मुद्रणालय में करेंसी नोटों के मुद्रण में प्रयुक्त होने वाली स्याही का विदेशों से भारी मात्रा में आयात किया जाता है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि भारत को इस स्याही के निर्यातक देश इस स्याही को तैयार करने के लिए भारत में ही कच्चे माल का आयात कर रहे हैं और क्या यह भी सच है कि कुछ वर्ष पूर्व भारत में ही इस स्याही को तैयार किया जाता था लेकिन अब इसका तैयार किया जाना बन्द कर दिया गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान, वर्षवार, इसके आयात पर कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा व्यय की गई है और देश में इसके उत्पादन को सरकार द्वारा बन्द कर दिए जाने के क्या कारण है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) से (ग) करेंसी नोट प्रेस, नासिक और बैंक नोट प्रेस, देवास में नई इंटेग्लियो मशीनों की आवश्यकता को पूरा करने के लिए वर्ष 1985-86 और 1986-87 के दौरान 400 मीट्रिक टन शीघ्र सूखने वाली इंटेग्लियो स्याही (क्विक सेट इंटेग्लियो इंक) के आयात करने की अनुमति दी गई है। इस पर लगभग 5.84 करोड़ रुपये की विदेशी मुद्रा व्यय होगी। इस शीघ्र सूखने वाली इंटेग्लियो स्याही को छोड़कर, बैंक नोट प्रेस, देवास का स्याही कारखाना स्याही संबंधी समस्त आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति करता है।

शीघ्र सूखने वाली इंटेग्लियो स्याही के उत्पादन के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी देश में उपलब्ध नहीं है। चूंकि इस स्याही के उत्पादन का सूत्र (फार्मूलेशन) पता नहीं है इसलिए यह निर्धारित करना संभव नहीं है कि क्या इस प्रयोजन के लिए आवश्यक कोई कच्ची सामग्री भारत में आयात की जाती है।

Seizure of gold and gold biscuits

834. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of primary gold and gold biscuits seized by the various agencies of his Ministry during the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and so far during 1986-87;

(b) what was the approximate value in India of the gold seized; and

(c) what is the procedure adopted by Government with regard to the disposal and accounting of gold thus seized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The quantity and value of gold seized under the Customs Act, 1962, during the years 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87 (upto June) in given below:—

Year	Quantity (in Kgs.)	value (Rs. in crores)
1984-85	1083	21·92
1985-86	2501	51·44
1986-87 (upto June)	634	13·46

(Figures for 1986-87 are provisional)

The quantity and value of gold seized under the Gold Control Act is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Gold seized, after proper inventorisation is deposited in Customs Godown Safe Deposit vault. After confiscation and completion of legal proceedings, gold is deposited in the Government of India Mint at Bombay/Calcutta for safe custody as valuable asset of the Government.

Drive against tax evaders

835. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the raids conducted by the Enforcement Wing during the last three months;

(b) what are the details of incriminating documents, etc. seized during the raids; and

(c) what action are contemplated by Government against the tax evaders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Improvement in the working of the Banking industry

836. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have stressed the need to improve the working of the banking industry in the country; and

(b) if so, what changes Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Improving the working of the public sector banks to subserve better the objectives of nationalisatoin and also improve the quality of their services to the customers is a matter of continuing concern to the Government/Reserve Bank of India. Various guidelines/directions have been issued by the Government/Reserve Bank of India, to the banks to secure greater efficiency in serving the customers and an improvement in the delivery of credit particularly to small borrowers in rural areas, improvement in recovery of their dues as well as in the house keeping so as to ensure an overall toning up of the working of the banks